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LAW SCHOOL—New Entrance Requirements—The Board of Trustees of the University has recently adopted the following resolution to go into effect October, 1915:

Requirements for the Fall of 1915 and Thereafter.

All applicants must present the degree of Bachelor of Arts or an equivalent degree from an approved University or College.

Persons who in the opinion of the Faculty are properly qualified may be admitted as hearers in one or more subjects. Such hearers shall not be considered as students, nor shall they be admitted to an examination, or be eligible for a degree.

This modification of the existing requirements will doubtlessly be regarded by every alumnus and friend of the Law School as a step in the proper direction. In point of stringency and exactitude the new requirements probably exceed that of any other institution devoted to legal instruction. A few other American law schools reNOTES 629

quire college degrees for admission, but in the announcements of almost all of them certain exceptions are made, and even among the strictest it appears that a number of men are admitted who have not

an academic degree.

The action of the Trustees is based upon their conviction that an efficient preparation for the Bar requires an adequate and broad college training as a preliminary to legal study. In this respect the Law School will discharge its duty to the Bar and to its own students. With respect to the latter, the net result of the new requirements will be a surer and better group focus upon sincere and thorough study of the law. Although the college graduate is not always the most capable man, nor the brightest student by natural gifts, yet in general he is more earnest and more faithful in his work. When the student body is composed of such men not only can more ground be covered, but also it can be covered more thoroughly and intelligently. Whatever may be lost by the exclusion of those unfortunate enough not to have had a college training, will be gained in a better balanced body of students, closely applying themselves to the purpose for which they are in attendance. For a law school is to be judged as much by the work and spirit of its students as by the ability of its faculty. Incidentally it may be confidently expected that the new requirement will lead many men to obtain their college degree who, otherwise, would be content with a secondary school training or with one or two years in college.

D. D. S.

THE ORDER OF THE COIF—ELECTIONS—COMPLETE LIST OF MEMBERS—The Pennsylvania Chapter of THE ORDER OF THE COIF held its annual meeting in April. The principal business was the election of members from the class of 1914 and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

As related in the Law Review¹ at the time of the installation of the local chapter the eligibility of members depends on high standing in scholarship. No person can be elected as an undergraduate member who does not rank among the first ten *per cent*. of his class and who has not received honors during some one year of his Law School work.

The members of the class of 1914 who were "summoned" to membership in April are: Mr. N. I. S. Goldman, Mr. G. L. Pape, Mr. Yale L. Schekter, Mr. Douglass D. Storey and Mr. Paul N. Schaeffer.

The old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, as follows: Professor Wm. E. Mikell, President; Mr. Wm. A. Schnader, Vice-President; and Mr. L. P. Scott, No. 601 Morris Building, Philadelphia, Secretary and Treasurer.

¹60 U. of P. L. R. 657.